

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

What is claimed is:

1. (~~Withdrawn-currently amended~~) A method, comprising:
 - a) gathering a plurality of content document URLs originating from a plurality of web sites;
 - b) displaying the content document URLs in a WebPipe;
 - c) associating supplementary content to each URL
2. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1 wherein the URL of a content document is what is currently displayed in a web browser.
3. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 2 wherein determining the content document URL in the web browser comprises evaluating the area of each browser child window and using the URL of the document displayed in the largest client window as the content document URL.
4. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 3 wherein the content document URL is transmitted to a central server.
5. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1 wherein the organization of the content document URLs is done by a database program on a server.
6. (Currently Amended) A method comprised of:
 - a) obtaining the metadata of a digital media file;
 - b) transmitting the metadata to a central server;
 - c) using the metadata to associate content with the media file or copy thereof.
7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 6 further comprising creating a plug-in enhancement to a digital media player, the plug-in ~~obtaining the metadata of the digital media file~~ enabling access to content associated with the currently playing performance linked by other end-users.
8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 6 further comprising:
 - a) associating end-user content with a digital media file;

- b) displaying content that has been associated with the digital media file by an end-user to other end-users

9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 6 further comprised of:
 - a) retrieving content resources associated with a ~~particular~~ digital media file;
 - b) displaying the content resources associated with a ~~particular~~ digital media file.
10. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 9 further comprised of using the metadata obtained from the digital media file as parameters in a database query to retrieve content resources associated with the digital media.
11. (Original) The method of claim 9 further comprised of the server computer transforming the content resources, once retrieved, into a format suitable for access on the client computer and transmitting the content resources to the client computer.
12. (Original) The method of claim 11 further comprised wherein the format used to display the content resources is a WebPipe, the WebPipe being an apparatus for navigating through a set series of URL-addressed resources with additional features.
13. (Withdrawn) A method comprised of:
 - a) creating a list of topics
 - b) harvesting a plurality of content document URLs from a plurality of web sites;
 - c) associating the harvested URLs, based on the content of the document referred to by each URL respectively, to the appropriate topic;
 - d) assembling the topics and the URLs therein into a format capable of being transmitted and viewed on a client computer.
14. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 12 further comprised of having a listing of topics relevant to a specific digital media instance automatically retrieved by a client program and automatically displayed to the operator upon the operator's playing of the specific digital media file.
15. (Withdrawn) A method of claim 14 further comprised of having the results presented in a WebPipe.

16. (~~Withdrawn-currently amended~~) A computer readable medium containing instructions which, when executed in a processing system, causes the processing system to perform a method comprising:
- a) gathering a plurality of content document URLs originating from a plurality of web sites;
 - b) displaying the content document URLs in a WebPipe;
 - c) associating supplementary content to each URL
17. (Withdrawn) A computer readable medium containing instructions which, when executed in a processing system, causes the processing system to perform a method of claim 1 wherein the URL of a content document is what is currently displayed in a web browser.
18. (Withdrawn) A computer readable medium containing instructions which, when executed in a processing system, causes the processing system to perform a method of claim 2 wherein determining the content document URL in the web browser comprises evaluating the area of each browser child window and using the URL of the document displayed in the largest client window as the content document URL.
19. (Withdrawn) A computer readable medium containing instructions which, when executed in a processing system, causes the processing system to perform a method claim 3 wherein the content document URL is transmitted to a central server.
20. (Withdrawn) A computer readable medium containing instructions which, when executed in a processing system, causes the processing system to perform a method of claim 1 wherein the organization of the content document URLs is done by a database program on a server.
21. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium containing instructions which, when executed in a processing system, causes the processing system to perform a method comprised of:
- a) obtaining the metadata of a digital media file;
 - b) transmitting the metadata to a central server;
 - c) using the metadata to associate content with the media file or copy thereof.

22. (Original) A computer readable medium containing instructions which, when executed in a processing system, causes the processing system to perform a method of claim 6 further comprising creating a plug-in enhancement to a digital media player, the plug-in obtaining the metadata of the digital media file.
23. (Original) A computer readable medium containing instructions which, when executed in a processing system, causes the processing system to perform a method of claim 6 further comprising:
- a) associating operator content with a digital media file;
 - b) launching content that has been associated with the digital media file.
24. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium containing instructions which, when executed in a processing system, causes the processing system to perform a method claim 6 further comprised of:
- a) retrieving content resources associated with a ~~particular~~ digital media file;
 - b) displaying the content resources associated with a ~~particular~~ digital media file.
25. (Original) A computer readable medium containing instructions which, when executed in a processing system, causes the processing system to perform a method of claim 9 further comprised of using the metadata obtained from the digital media file as parameters in a database query to retrieve content resources associated with the digital media.
26. (Withdrawn) A computer readable medium containing instructions which, when executed in a processing system, causes the processing system to perform a method of claim 9 further comprised of the server computer transforming the content resources, once retrieved, into a format suitable for access on the client computer and transmitting the content resources to the client computer.
27. (Original) A computer readable medium containing instructions which, when executed in a processing system, causes the processing system to perform a method of claim 11 further comprised wherein the format used to display the content resources is a WebPipe, the WebPipe being an apparatus for navigating through a set series of URL-addressed resources with additional features.

28. (Withdrawn) A computer readable medium containing instructions which, when executed in a processing system, causes the processing system to perform a method comprised of:
- a) creating a list of topics
 - b) harvesting a plurality of content document URLs from a plurality of web sites;
 - c) associating the harvested URLs, based on the content of the document referred to by each URL respectively, to the appropriate topic;
 - d) assembling the topics and the URLs therein into a format capable of being transmitted and viewed on a client computer.
29. (Withdrawn) A computer readable medium containing instructions which, when executed in a processing system, causes the processing system to perform a method of claim 12 further comprised of having a listing of topics relevant to a specific digital media instance automatically retrieved by a client program and automatically displayed to the operator upon the operator's playing of the specific digital media file.
30. (Withdrawn) A computer readable medium containing instructions which, when executed in a processing system, causes the processing system to perform a method of claim 14 further comprised of having the results presented in a WebPipe.
31. (New) An authoring system integrated into the media player that enables an end-user to associate content of their own choosing with a media performance in a media player such that others may see that content when they play the same media performance in their media player.
32. (New) An authoring system integrated into the media player enabling end-user content and/or messaging to be linked to specific times of the performance.
33. (New) A plug-in enhancement to a media player enabling access to content created by other end-users and associated with the currently playing performance.
34. (New) A plug-in enhancement to a media player enabling users to see comments and content links authored by other end users and tied to appear at specific times during the media performance.